

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit EK Aviation to conduct sightseeing rides on June 12, 1999, at the Sidney, Ohio and on July 4, 1999, at Urbana, Ohio, for the purpose of carrying passengers on local non-stop flights for compensation or hire. *GRANT, 5/10/99, Exemption No. 6898.*

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: 28452.

Petitioner: Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

Regulations Affected: 25.562(b)(2).

Description of Petition: To add Boeing Model 737-700C/-900 to Exemption No. 6425. This would permit exemption from the floor warpage testing requirements of § 25.562(b)(2), as amended by Amendment 25-64, for flight check seats.

[FR Doc. 99-15711 Filed 6-18-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-M

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Monterey County, California**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Monterey County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert F. Tally, Team Leader, Program Delivery Team-North, Carolina Division, Federal Highway Administration, 980 9th Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, Telephone: (916) 498-5020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve safety and reduce congestion on SR (State Route) 156 in Monterey County between Castroville Boulevard and SR 101. The existing two-lane conventional highway has an accident rate 35% higher than the average rate for comparable highways, and operates at LOS (Level of Service) E which is expected to decline to LOS F by 2020. A bottleneck condition at the SR 156/101 interchange contributes to safety problems in the corridor.

Four alternatives are being considered at this time: A No Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and three build alternatives. All build alternatives would convert the described section of SR 156 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway and construct interchange improvements at SR 156/101. Alternative 2 would construct the additional two lanes directly south of, and on the same alignment as, existing SR 156. Alternative 3 would construct a portion of the additional two lanes on a split alignment south of existing SR 156. Alternative 4 would construct four new lanes south of the existing SR 156 alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments were sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. The Public Participation Program for this study includes community information meetings expected to begin in the summer of 1999, and a formal Public Hearing in early 2001.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed, and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. If you have any information regarding historic resources, endangered species, or other sensitive issues, which could be affected by this project, please notify this office. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: June 8, 1999.

Robert F. Tally,

Team Leader, Program Delivery Team-North, Sacramento, California.

[FR Doc. 99-15607 Filed 6-18-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-M

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Vernon County, Wisconsin**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT

ACTION: Notice of intent

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be

prepared for capacity improvements to the USH 14/61 highway corridor between the cities of Viroqua and Westby in Vernon County, Wisconsin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jaclyn Lawton, Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 567 D'Onofrio Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53719-2814: Telephone: (608) 829-7517. You may also contact Carol Cutshall, Director, Bureau of Environment, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7965, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7965: Telephone: (608) 266-9626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to provide additional transportation capacity on USH 14/61 between the cities of Viroqua and Westby, including possible community bypasses. The approximate 16-mile project begins south of Viroqua at the STH 27/82 intersection with USH 14/61, and ends north of Westby at the CTH GG intersection with USH 14/61. The proposal is being considered to address future transportation demand on USH 14/61, and to preserve land for a future transportation corridor. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) No build, (2) improvements to the existing highway, and (3) possible bypass corridors around Viroqua and Westby.

A project advisory committee comprised of federal and state agencies, local officials, environmental, and other community interests, will provide input during data gathering, development and refinement of alternatives, and long range corridor preservation. A series of public meetings will be held to solicit comments from citizens and interest groups who have previously expressed, or are known to have interest in the proposal. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Agencies having an interest in or jurisdiction regarding the proposed action will be contacted through interagency coordination meetings and mailings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed, and all substantive issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA or the Wisconsin

Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: June 10, 1999.

William K. Fung,
Division Administrator, Wisconsin Division,
FHWA.
[FR Doc. 99-15630 Filed 6-18-99; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4910-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 24, 1999 [64 FR 14303-14304].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alan Block at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Research and Traffic Records (NTS-31), 202-366-6401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6240, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Title: National Survey of Pedestrian and Bicycle Attitudes, Knowledge, and Behavior.

OMB Number: 2127-NEW.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: NHTSA proposes to conduct a survey by telephone among a national probability sample of 4,200 adults, including older adults. Participation by respondents would be voluntary. The proposed survey would collect information on pedestrian and bicycling behavior, obstacles to walking and bicycling, use of bicycle helmets, training in bicycling safety, pedestrian

and bicyclist safety education for children, knowledge of safety issues and rules of the road, assessment of existing community facilities for walking and bicycling, and other related issues.

In conducting the proposed survey, the interviewers would use computer-assisted telephone interviewing to reduce interview length and minimize recording errors. A Spanish-language translation and bilingual interviewers are proposed to minimize language barriers to participation. The proposed survey would be anonymous and confidential.

Affected Public: Randomly selected members of the general public aged sixteen and older in telephone households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1514.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 16, 1999.

Herman L. Simms,
Associate Administrator for Administration.
[FR Doc. 99-15707 Filed 6-18-99; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4910-59-U

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-525 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Pittsburgh Industrial Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Allegheny County, PA

Pittsburgh Industrial Railroad, Inc. (PIRR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its 1.15-mile line between milepost 5.35 and milepost 6.5, in Neville Township,

Allegheny County, PA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 15225.

PIRR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.*—

Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on July 21, 1999, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 1, 1999. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by July 12, 1999, with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Karl Morrell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. If the verified notice contains false or misleading

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).